



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 16, 2014

Mark Howard, President  
Presbyterian Home for Children

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader  
Laura Underhill

Elder Greeter  
Laura Underhill

Ushers  
Carlton and Sharon Ward

Gathering

- First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation
- Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible
- Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Dale Wood

Call to Worship  
Psalm 121

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

All: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

One: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

All: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth Hymnal #473

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed traditional Hymnal Page 14



Give Thanks to the Lord, for he is Good,  
His steadfast Love endures Forever!

Psalm 118:1

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

Moment for Personal, Silent Confession

The Kyrie Eleison -All are invited to sing- Hymnal # 572  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

†The Gloria Patri  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 118:1-4, 24-29 OT Page 565  
A Song of Victory

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Time with the Young Church

Gospel Reading John 3:1-17 NT Page 93  
Nicodemus Visits Jesus

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon God Loves You So Much! Mark Howard

†Hymn Fairest Lord Jesus Hymnal #306

Prayers of the People

Offertory His Eye Is on the Sparrow Gabriel-Wilbur Held (Arr.)



†Please stand if you are able.

†Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

†Hymn To God Be the Glory Hymnal #485

†Charge and Benediction

†Hymn Song of Hope Hymnal # 432  
May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working, for a world that's new; faithful, when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude Jesu, Priceless Treasure Michael Burkhardt  
(Jesu Meine Freude)

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Who is Jesus? Sometimes we are tempted to regard Jesus as just another means of getting whatever it is we happened to want before we met Jesus. But Jesus is God with us, as God is, rather than as we think we want God to be. In Christ, God comes to us and gives us the love we could not have earned. Christ is the fullness of God's grace.



## Welcome to our Visitors

We are happy to have you worship with us and we hope you will return to worship with us again in the near future. Please indicate your attendance by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the offering plate. If you are interested in learning more about membership in First Presbyterian Church, please speak to our Pastor after the service.

**Prayer requests** - Yellow folders in the pew racks may be used to request prayer. The Pastor will receive requests before the Prayers of the People.

### Announcements

**Food for the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center (JCOC)** – Today we will collect food for the JCOC. Please bring small pkgs. of rice, 1 or 2lb. bags of sugar, and hot or cold breakfast cereal to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need.

**We Especially Invite You** to our monthly Church Dinner immediately following the service today. Please join us for this time of wonderful food and fellowship.



#### We welcome Mark Howard as our guest worship leader today.

Mark Howard became the fourteenth CEO and President of the Presbyterian Home in August 2013. He was most recently Vice President of Program Services for the Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care, a multi-location nonprofit with various programs serving children in both residential and non-residential settings. Mark is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University with an MBA and a BS in Organizational Leadership. He has worked in residential child care ministries in Oklahoma since 2005. Prior to that he served as a minister and in management of several transportation companies. Mark and his wife Cindy have adult children in Virginia and Oklahoma. They moved to Alabama with two dogs and several cats and have become members of First Presbyterian Church in Talladega.



#### Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)  
Gene Fair  
John Franklin (Glen and Barbara Franklin's son)  
Kelly Garner  
Bobby Haynes  
Stacy Boozer Mariani  
Ken Mount  
Dan Neisler  
Diane Mount Nisbet (Dorothy Jane Nisbet's daughter-in-law)  
Carolyn Paris  
Kathy Peters (Gary Brown's cousin)  
Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)  
Ellen Simpson  
Thompson Nash Wagoner  
Gary Wilborn (friend of the Boozers)



**Next Sunday – March 23**

*Rev. Monty Clendenin*

#### Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;  
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

#### Elder Greeter

Laura Underhill

#### Lay Reader

Virginia MacRae

#### Ushers

Trish and Nathan Ballard



#### Worship Opportunities for this Week

	Today	9:45am	Sunday School
		10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
		11:00am	Worship Service
		5:00pm	Bible Study – Living the Questions
	<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Bible Study
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**Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer  
Mary Furlow, Secretary**

#### The Session

**Class of 2014**  
Wayne Claeren  
Barbara Franklin  
Laura Underhill

**Class of 2015**  
Aleta Bell  
Carolyn Padgett  
Sharon Ward

**Class of 2016**  
Ethelyn Brown  
Margaret Pope  
Don Seymour

Lana Boozer

**Trustees**  
Carlton Ward

Cosper Bell



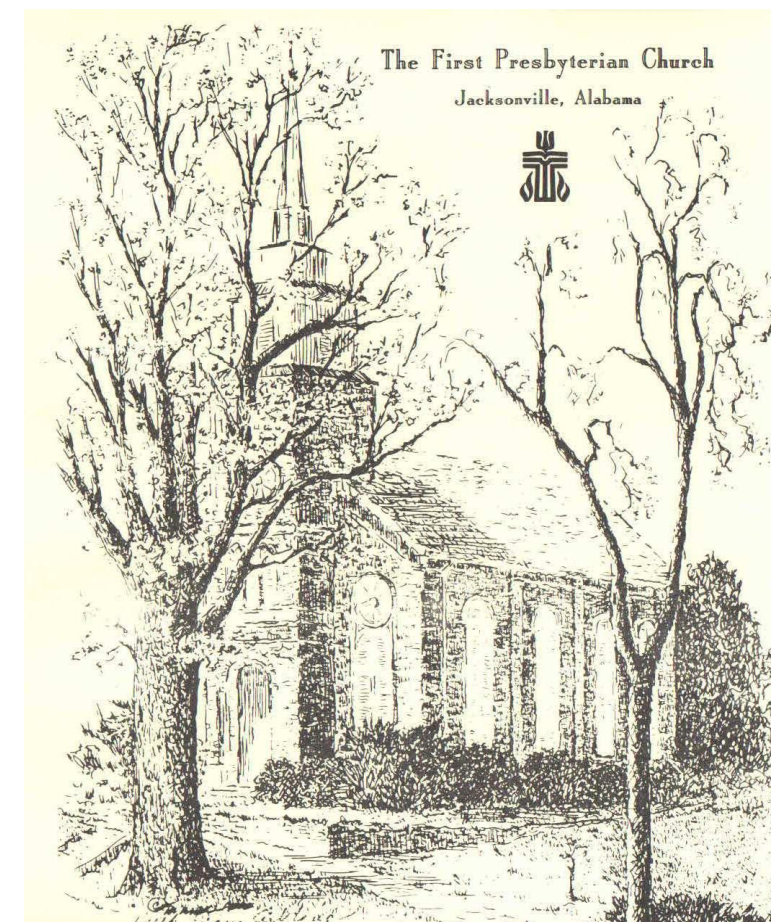
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